



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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Dear Ocotillo District Residents,

Thank you for your support during my first few months of service as your city councilmember. I would like to take this opportunity to provide the Ocotillo District residents with a recap of accomplishments made during this time, some of which would not have been possible without citizen participation.

As your councilmember, I believe it is important to inform you of how district budget funds are spent. During the second half of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, organizations that have a partnership with Glendale in the Ocotillo District and that are an asset to our community were chosen to receive donations. I have taken the liberty to list those organizations and the amount contributed. Also included in this report are the Ocotillo District's Capital Improvement Projects and the community outreach events which were held.

Accomplishments – January through June 30, 2011

Donations

- The Heart of Glendale Neighborhood Association/Heart for the City Annual Spring Fest – to assist with the expenses for this community event \$875 was paid on their behalf to vendors.
- The Boys & Girls Clubs Swift Kids Branch – \$3,000 was donated for recreational programs that benefit children and teens today and help them to become responsible citizens and leaders for tomorrow.
- Drug Elimination Family Awareness Program (DEFAP) – \$3,000 for Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company - a unique dance program that offers youth of all ages an opportunity to promote positive cultural experiences through the performing arts.
- The FUSION Foundation – \$3,000 was contributed towards a mural to be painted in downtown Glendale for the city's Centerline project. This art project involves active participation of a diverse group of community members.
- YWCA Maricopa County – \$2,000 was donated towards the Senior Lunch Program offered at the City of Glendale's Community Center.
- Frank Luke Chapter 151 Air Force Association (an aerospace education non-profit organization) – A t-hole was sponsored at \$250 for their only annual fundraiser golf tournament.
- Isaac Imes Elementary School – Sponsored the purchase of t-shirts for 8th grade class promotion.

Capital Improvement Projects

- East Catlin Court Neighborhood Driveway Aprons – The project consisted of removing existing dirt driveway aprons and replaced them with the construction of new concrete driveway aprons located in the right-of-way along 16 properties in the East Catlin Court neighborhood. The total cost of this project was \$11,808.
- The 7700 block of North 55th Avenue – Improvements consisted of gravel spread in the alleyway and the installation of a streetlight onto an existing light pole. The cost of the gravel and labor was \$550 and the cost to add the light was \$1,000.

Community Outreach

- In February, I hosted a meeting with downtown business owners along with city staff. This provided me with the opportunity to meet several of our downtown business owners and listen to their ideas and suggestions of what they would like to see take place in downtown Glendale.

- In March, many of you attended a meeting for neighborhood leaders. About 50 Ocotillo District leaders attended and I asked each one to address one or two major concerns affecting their neighborhoods. Their concerns were then forwarded to the appropriate city staff for follow-up.
- In April, I invited those neighborhood leaders back together for a follow-up meeting. Most were pleased with the outcome of their concerns brought to my attention at the previous meeting. Some were minor and easily addressed, while others will require additional time and funding.
- To end the fiscal year 2011, I hosted a meeting again with the neighborhood leaders and thanked them for their involvement in the community – our goal is to continue working together. I encouraged our neighborhood leaders to invite me to their meetings and encourage you to do so as well.
- Thank you to the seniors at the Glendale Community center for visiting with me. I enjoyed spending time with them, participating and observing the many activities that are already in place for the seniors at the Community Center.

I have begun to establish some future goals as we begin the new fiscal year, these goals will be highlighted in the coming weeks through this electronic newsletter.

I hope you find this information helpful and as always, please send your comments.

— Sincerely, Councilmember Alvarez

Construction 58th and Grand Avenues. The sewer pipeline replacement and manhole rehabilitation that began July 11 is well underway. The sewer bypass is set up in the southbound lanes of 58th Avenue where 58th Avenue makes the south to east transition to become Lamar Road. Both 58th Avenue and Lamar Road will continue to allow for one lane of travel in each direction; however, as the work on Grand Avenue takes place, the Grand Avenue lanes closest to the median will be CLOSED to accommodate this work. In addition, the middle lane for northbound (northwest on Grand Avenue) will be restricted during daytime hours. This work is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 24.

Sonorita Park Closure. Sonorita Park, located at 58th Drive and Market Street, is CLOSED to accommodate sewer pipeline rehabilitation in this area. The closure began Aug. 1 and work is estimated to take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete.

Northern Avenue Drainage Overlay Construction Information. Earlier this week crews began application of the final course (top layer) of rubberized asphalt on Northern Avenue, from 59th Avenue to 65th Avenue. Crews are scheduled today, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13 to mill (remove asphalt) and apply the base course (bottom layer) of asphalt in the intersection of 59th Avenue and Northern avenues.

Then during the week of Aug. 15th, crews are scheduled to adjust utilities to make them flush with the new rubberized asphalt surface, and stripe Northern Avenue, from 59th to 65th avenues.

Currently scheduled to take place Saturday, Aug. 20, is the final course (top layer) of rubberized asphalt in the 59th Avenue/Northern Avenue intersection, with utility adjustments and striping in the intersection scheduled for early the following week. This should complete the rubberized asphalt overlay work.

This process requires restrictions for brief periods while the activity crosses side streets and driveways, and officers will be on-site to assist in the movement or temporary stopping of traffic.

Should you have questions or comments regarding this project, call our project hotline at 1-877-203-0042. We thank you for your patience during this project!

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon Seeking Applicants, Volunteers. Do you own a single family home but are unable to paint it due to age or physical impairments? If so, the Seventh Annual Rebuilding Together Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon program on Saturday, Oct. 22, may be able to help. This program, which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance, helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes owned by applicants who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources and are unable to do the work themselves.

Glendale residents who match the above criteria are encouraged to apply to have their homes painted. Volunteers willing to wield a paint brush are also encouraged to get involved.

Homeowners and volunteers for the Paint-A-Thon should apply by Sept. 1. To volunteer or apply for assistance, [click here](#) or call 480-774-0237 to contact Rebuilding Together. Applications for homeowners are available in English and Spanish.

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